



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Applicant: Chris Lacombe, et al.

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Examiner: Bret C. Hayes

For: **"APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BLAST SUPPRESSION"**

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS

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Dear Examiner Hayes:

This is a response to the First Office Action in the captioned matter. A shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 4, 2005. This response is made on March 4, 2005 by Certificate of Mailing Procedure provided in 37 CFR 1.8, together with a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and required fee, and is therefore timely.